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1. ON FEB 25 STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF GHANA (LEGON) CALLED OFF A BOYCOTT OF CLASSES AND WENT BACK TO THE LECTURE ROOMS. HOWEVER, UNDERLYING ISSUES HAVE NOT BEEN RESOLVED AND POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER DISCORD REMAINS. IF THIS HAPPENS, GOG MAY WELL CLOSE UNIVERSITY.

2. DIFFICULTIES BEGAN IN DEC 1976 WHEN 15 FIRST AND SECOND YEAR STUDENTS WERE EXPELLED FOR MANHANDLING A UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL DURING A PROTEST OVER GOG LOANS TO STUDENTS. STUDENT AND ADMINISTRATION POSITIONS GRADUALLY HARDENED. ON FEB 9 A COMPROMISE SOLUTION OFFERED BY ACADEMIC AUTHORITIES WAS REJECTED BY THE NATIONAL UNION OF GHANAIAAN STUDENTS (NUGS) AND THE STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC). CALLING FOR A TOTAL BOYCOTT OF CLASSES AND DEMANDING REMOVAL OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR, NUGS APPEALED TO GEN. ACHEAMPONG TO INTERVENE AND RESOLVE IMPASSE.

3. BY FEB 22 SOURCES AT LEGON CLAIMED GOG WAS ABOUT TO CLOSE UNIVERSITY. INSTEAD, GOG AND SCHOOL AUTHORITIES GAVE STUDENTS UNTIL MORNING OF FEB 25 TO END BOYCOTT AND GO BACK TO CLASS. THEY COMPLIED WITH ORDER AND CAMPUS APPEARS QUIET AT PRESENT. GOG PLANS TO APPOINT A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE CAMPUS UNREST. COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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4. GOG IS NOT RPT NOT EAGER TO CLOSE UNIVERSITY IF PROBLEMS CONTINUE BUT WILL DO SO IF THIS IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN ORDER. GOVERNMENT PROBABLY FEARS INDISCIPLINE ON CAMPUS MARS ITS REPUTATION AND IS ALMOST CERTAINLY APPREHENSIVE THAT IF DEMONSTRATIONS BEGAN AT LEGON THEY MIGHT SPILL OVER INTO ACCRA ITSELF AND POSSIBLY SNOWBALL.

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